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For: METHOD OF ANALYZING INTESTINAL FLORA AND ANALYTICAL APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

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February 26, 2003

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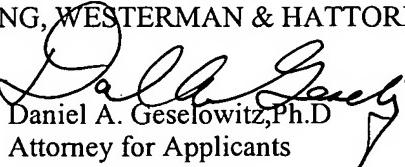
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Enclosures: Official Filing Receipt; claims pages 36 through 39 from the originally filed specification, and Copy of Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed on 1/7/03

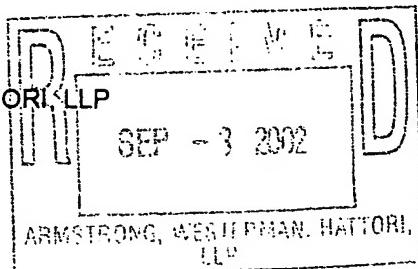


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**Foreign Applications**

- ✓ JAPAN 11/262590 09/16/1999
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**Title**

✓ Method of analyzing intestinal flora and analytical apparatus

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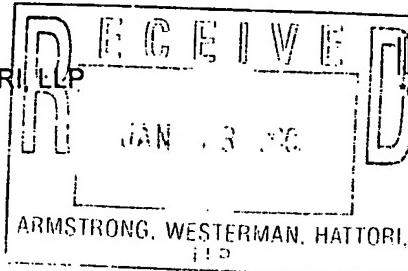
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